

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the fifth paragraph on page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Outer textile materials for fire fighting clothing have previously been manufactured from 100% meta-aramid or ~~polyamideimide~~ polyamide imide, blends of meta-aramid and para-aramid fibres or by use of core spun yarns or staple mixtures with polyparaphenylene terephthalamide copolymer or fibres comprising para-aramid cores with meta-aramid or ~~polyamideimide~~ polyamide imide covers. The combination of these fibres in the fabric enhances the non-break open protection of the product. However, meta-aramid and ~~polyamideimide~~ polyamide imide fibres shrink, consolidate and thicken when exposed to a high temperature heat source. The presence of para-aramid or polyphenylene terephthalamide copolymer in either the fibre blend or as a core can be used to prevent fibre shrinkage and consequent breaking open of the garment. However the inclusion of para-aramid fibre in the blend has been found to be insufficient in tightly woven fabrics to prevent breaking open. Consequently there is a need for improved textile materials for manufacture of fire fighting garments and the like. --

Please replace the second paragraph on page 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- According to the present invention a fire resistant textile material comprises a woven face fabric composed of fibres selected from meta-aramid, ~~polyamideimide~~ polyamide imide and mixtures thereof, the fabric including a woven mesh of low thermal shrinkage fibres. --